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Applicants : Leszek Wojnowski and Elisabeth Hustert
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Examiner : Gyan Chandra
For : POLYMORPHISMS IN THE HUMAN hPXR GENE
AND THEIR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC AND
THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS

New York, New York
February 23, 2005

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This responds to the August 23, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. This Response is filed concurrently with a Petition for a five-month extension of time for responding to that action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), together with the requisite extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5). With this extension of time, a response is due on or before February 23, 2005.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Application No. 10/070,588
Response dated February 23, 2005
Response to Restriction Requirement dated August 23, 2004

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.